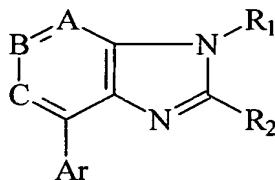


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 to 3. Canceled

4. (currently amended) A compound having the following structure:



or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

A, B and C are selected from CR and N, with the proviso that when B is N
~~both A and C are CR~~ one of A, B, and C is N, the other two of A, B, and C are CR;

R is selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₆alkyl;

R₁ is selected from NR₃R₄ and R₅;

R₂ is C₁₋₆alkyl;

R₃ is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, mono- or di(C₃₋₆cycloalkyl)methyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl; C₃₋₆alkenyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl and C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl;

R₄ and R₅ are independently selected from C₁₋₈alkyl, mono- or di(C₃₋₆cycloalkyl)methyl, Ar¹CH₂, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, thienylmethyl, furanylmethyl, C₁₋₆alkylthioC₁₋₆alkyl, morpholinyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with imidazolyl; or a radical of the formula -(C₁₋₆alkanediyl)-O-CO-Ar¹;

or R₃ and R₄ taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl or morpholinyl group, optionally substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkyloxy;

Ar is selected from phenyl substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, benzyloxy,

C₁₋₆alkylthio, nitro, amino and mono- and di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; and pyridinyl substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, trifluoromethyl, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, benzyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, nitro, amino, mono- and di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino and piperidinyl; and

Ar¹ is selected from phenyl, pyridinyl, and phenyl substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₁₋₆alkyl, trifluoromethyl and C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with morpholinyl.

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5. (currently amended) A method for treating a disorder selected from the group consisting of manifesting hypersecretion of CRF depression, anxiety disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, abnormal aggression, unstable angina, reactive hypertension, anorexia nervosa, bulimia, irritable bowel syndrome, stress-induced immune suppression, stroke, inflammation, Cushing's disease, infantile spasms, epilepsy, and substance abuse or withdrawal in a warm-blooded animal, comprising administering to the animal an effective amount of a compound of claim 4.

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6. (previously amended) The method of claim 5/
7 wherein the disorder is stroke.

7 to 18. canceled.

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19. (previously added) The method of claim 5/
20 wherein said disorder is anxiety or depression.

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20. (previously added) The method of claim 5/
21 wherein said disorder is irritable bowel syndrome, inflammation, anorexia nervosa, seizures, or substance abuse.